

REMARKS

This Response and Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action of February 25, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as putting the claims in condition for allowance. Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 7-15 stand rejected. Claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base and intervening claims. Independent claims 1, 10, 11 and 15 are amended herein. Claim 6 is canceled.

Claims 1-5 and 9-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,425,424 (Reinhardt et.al.). Claims 1, 10, 11, and 15 are amended herein to include the limitations of canceled claim 6. Applicants now believe dependent claims 1-5 and 9-15 are now in better condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over a combination of references which include U.S. Patent No. 5,425,424 (Reinhardt et.al.). Claims 7 and 8 dependent upon claim 1 as amended herein. As independent claim 1 is amended herein, Applicants now believe dependent claims 7 and 8 are now in better condition for allowance.

In summary, for reasons detailed above, it is submitted that all claims now presented in the application are in better condition for allowance, and accordingly, such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of the application would be facilitated by a telephone interview, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 281-285-8606. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1579 (56.0622).

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Respectfully submitted,

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